
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

TEXT: *Acts 2:1-11 KJV*

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. (6) Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. (7) And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? (8) And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? (9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, (10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, (11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

INTRO: *Power of Pentecost*

Today, May 19, 2013 is the day acknowledged as ***Pentecost***. To the Jewish community it is for celebrating the giving of ***The Law*** (Ten Commandments). For the Church of Jesus it is the celebration of its birthday, the day that Jesus fulfilled His promise to send another Comforter to dwell inside each True Disciple.

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after the ***Passover*** – the event that brought about the release of the Hebrew nation from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. Yet in the ***Book of Acts*** we find that the ***Passover*** for us took place at ***Calvary***, upon the ***Cross.***

I. Journey to the First Passover

Jacob-Israel had eleven sons – Joseph was favorite – coat of many colors
Joseph was a dreamer – his dreams offended his brothers
His brothers threw him into a hole in the ground and sold him to slavery
God sent a caravan at the right time to take Joseph to Egypt
Potiphar bought Joseph and quickly advanced him to rule over his house
Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph of attempted rape
Joseph sent to prison
Pharaoh had disturbing dreams and God sent Joseph to interpret them
Joseph became ***Vice President Pharaoh***
Joseph's entire family moved to Egypt
God spared Egypt and Children of Israel from famine
Children of Israel become slaves in Egypt
Over 400 years later there arose a Pharaoh that did not know Joseph
Children of Israel suffered greatly and cried out for deliverance
God sent ***Moses*** to claim His deliverance

The Plagues as they appear in the Book of Exodus

Water, which turned to blood and killed all fish (Exodus 7:14–25)
Frogs (Exodus 8:1–15) ***8:10*** *And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word:*
Lice (Exodus 8:16–19)
Swarms of Flies (Exodus 8:20–30) ***8:22*** *And I will sever*
Disease on Livestock (Exodus 9:1–7) ***9:4*** *And the LORD shall sever*
Incurable Boils (Exodus 9:8–12)
Hail and Fire (Exodus 9:13–35) ***9:26*** *in the land of Goshen, where the* ***C O I*** *were, was there no hail.*
Locusts (Exodus 10:1–20)
Darkness (Exodus 10:21–29) ***10:23*** *but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.*
Death of the First-Born (Exodus 11, Exodus 12) **The Passover**
To be saved, the blood of a lamb was placed on the front door of their houses.

II. Jesus – Our Passover Lamb

We Were Slaves To Sin

Adam and Eve sinned and sin passed on to everyone

Romans 5:12 KJV Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, ***for that all have sinned***:

The End Result Of Sin Is Death

Ezekiel 18:20 KJV ***The soul that sinneth, it shall die***. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Romans 6:23 KJV ***For the wages of sin*** *is* ***death***; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because of the Death of Jesus We are Offered Life

John 1:29 KJV … Behold ***the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.***

1 Peter 1:18-19 KJV Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, … (19) But with the ***precious blood of Christ***, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Acts 20:28 KJV Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which ***He hath purchased with His own Blood***.

The Cross at the First Passover

Exodus 12:7 KJV And they shall take of the ***blood***, and strike *it* ***on the two side posts*** and ***on the upper door post*** of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

III. *Pentecost – Then and Now*

Our Pentecost recorded in our text: 50 Days after Passover

120 disciples in the upper room praying and worshipping, waiting on the promise that Jesus had made to them.

Suddenly a sound from heaven as of the mighty rushing wind, fire from heaven appeared on their heads, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they all spoke the wonderful works of God in the languages of the people gathered in Jerusalem, even without ever having learned them.

Peter – filled with the Holy Spirit and power proclaimed the glorious gift of salvation because of the ***Shed Blood of Christ Jesus, The Lamb of God***!!

Their Pentecost Happened Just Fifty Days after the original ***Passover***… It took place at Mt. Sinai… ***God*** made a ***Covenant*** giving them a relationship with ***God,*** we call it the Ten Commandments

1. At the first ***Passover***, the Israelites were delivered from Egyptian bondage: symbolizing ***the bondage to satan and sin***.
2. At our ***Passover*** Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God, was sacrificed ***for the sin of the world***, and by this sacrifice ***redemption from sin and satan is now purchased and proclaimed.***
3. On the first ***Pentecost***, God gave his law on Mount Sinai, accompanied with ***thundering*** and ***lightning***. On our ***Pentecost***, God sent down HIS Holy Spirit, like a ***rushing mighty wind***; and ***tongues of fire*** sat upon each disciple, in order that the new law of grace and life might be established and proclaimed.
4. At our ***Passover***, Christ Jesus was degraded, humbled, and shamefully put to death: but at the following festival, ***Pentecost***, HE was highly glorified; and the all conquering, ever enduring, always victorious Church of Jesus was birthed.